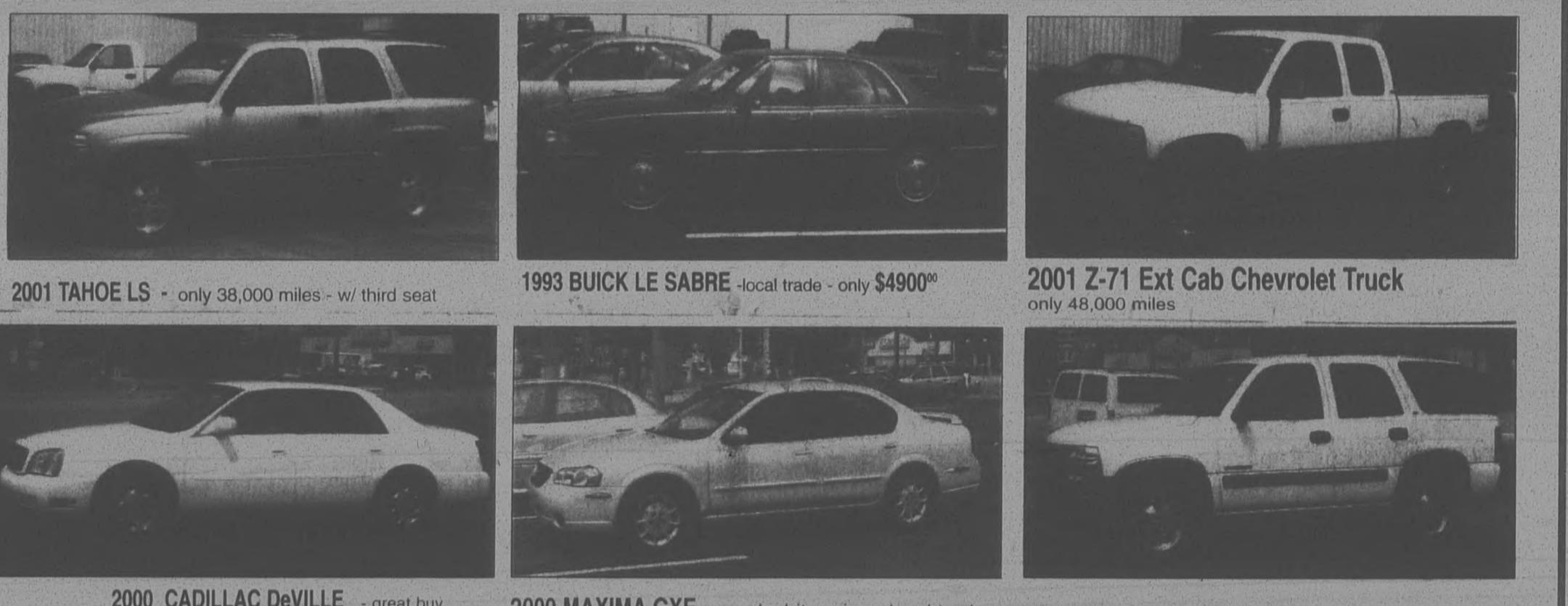


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Trio of public servants receive commendation during New Brockton council meeting

by Linda Hodge, Editor

A special presentation highlighted the agenda Monday evening, Oct. 7, of the New Brockton Town Council as council members gathered for the regular monthly meeting.

Council members also heard remarks Monday evening from Shirley White concerning ditches.

Charles Webb, chairman of the Coffee County Emergency Communications Board addressed the council and presented a letter to the Town of New Brockton that commended the efforts of three people:

Webb said the county's emergency communications board commends the actions on Monday, Sept. 30, of Mildred (Mickie) Perry of the New Brockton Water Department (part time emergency dispatcher), Captain Dale Grimes of the New Brockton Police Department and Hope M. Wood, a dispatcher with the Enterprise Public Safety Answering Point.

White said she understood that the town was going to be cleaning ditches, and she wanted to make the council aware of a potential downside to this.

She said her son owns four lots on one New Brockton street, and he has spent a great deal of money working on the ditches and having sod placed. She added that her concern is the proposed ditch cleaning will cause more damage to his area.

White said she understands there is a problem with water not running down the streets, but just partially clearing the ditches will not solve the problem. All in all, she said she wanted the city officials to be aware of the amount of money her son has already spent and would prefer if the work could be held off until a good plan is gathered.

Council member McMonge proposed that the town seek the help of either the county engineer or someone with an engineering background before any digging is done on ditches.

He said he feels the town needs to get some expert advise before going any further.

Due to illness, Mayor Charles Cole was not present for the meeting, but Mayor Pro-Tem Johnnie Herron told White that the town will investigate this matter before anything else is done.

With Cole and council member Vicki Harrison not present for the meeting, the council appeared to zip through the remaining items on the agenda as a resolution for a department of transportation grant and a discussion concerning the police department were tabled until all members could be present.

In other business, the council approved a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$2,638.81.

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In explaining the circumstances of the incident, Webb said a commercial alarm company received a fire alarm signal and called the New Brockton Police Department; however, the company did not have a valid address. By working together, Perry, Grimes and Wood were able to come up with an address, and Grimes was able to locate the residence from that information.

Upon arriving on the scene, Webb and Grimes found an active fire in the kitchen of the residence with smoke filling the home. Also, Grimes found that two elderly people (one bedridden and the other very confused) were inside. At that point, he was able to get the proper emergency personnel to the scene, and the situation was controlled.

Webb told council members Monday evening that he felt both occupants would have been killed had it not been for the combined efforts of Perry, Grimes and Wood.

In presenting each with a copy of the commendation letter, Webb asked the council to also commend their three people and make the letter a permanent part of the records of the Town of New Brockton.

The members voted unanimously to include the letter as a permanent part of the town's records.

Cat and owner reunited in Elba after two month separation

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Although Elba and Deer Range, Ala., are over 100 miles apart, a cuddly creature brought the two together last week in a reunion that seemed hopeless.

Shirley Johnson and her daughter, Marie Phillips, of Deer Range, Ala., came to Elba last Thursday, Oct. 3, after receiving notification that their 2-year-old tomcat, Zeus, had been found.

Even now, it remains a mystery as to how Zeus got to Elba, but apparently, he was destined too much time had passed, so he,

decided to call the vet and have Zeus' name removed from the first week of August.

When Zeus disappeared, Johnson did as any loving pet owner would, she reported him missing through his veterinarian with hopes that someone would recognize him. Then, two months passed and still no Zeus. The hope for his return had dwindled, and she said she was facing the reality that Zeus would never be home again.

Johnson said she decided too much time had passed, so she,

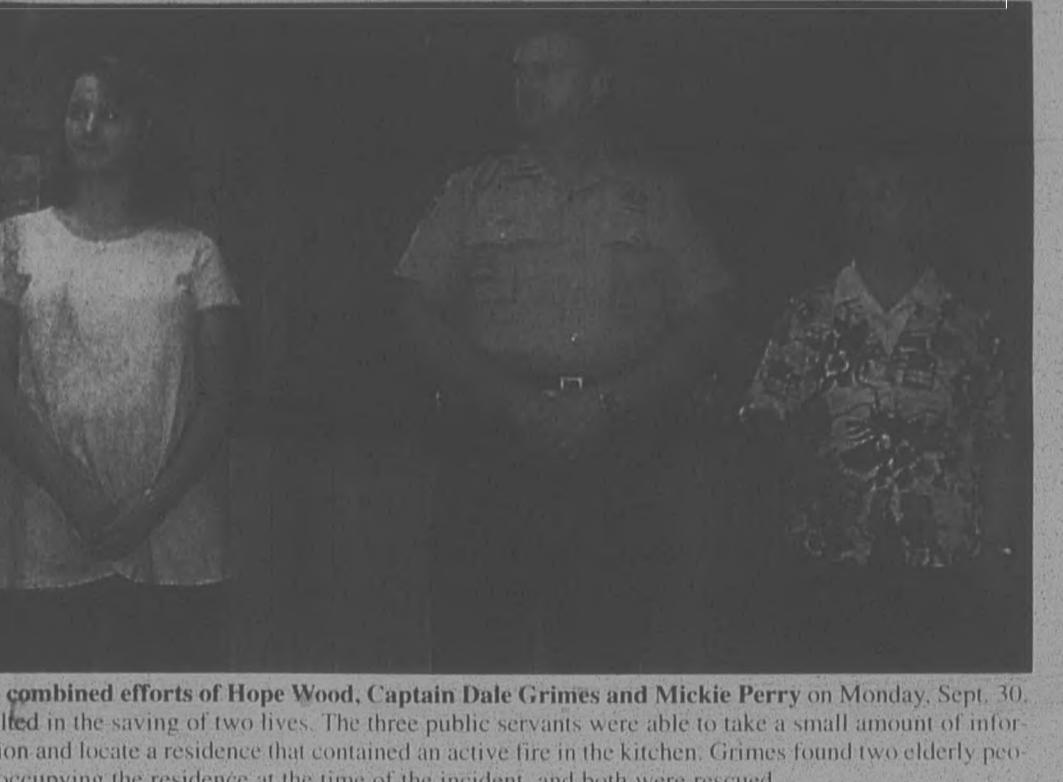
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The combined efforts of Hope Wood, Captain Dale Grimes and Mickie Perry on Monday, Sept. 30, resulted in the saving of two lives. The three public servants were able to take a small amount of information and locate a residence that contained an active fire in the kitchen. Grimes found two elderly people occupying the residence at the time of the incident, and both were rescued.

TIP students recognized by Coffee County BOE

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education recognized some special students Thursday evening, Oct. 3, during its regular monthly meeting.

The students recognized were all seventh graders who participated in the Duke University Talent Identification Program, and Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram said the program helps prepare the students for higher education.

Of the approximately 76,000 students that participated in the program, four were students from the Coffee County School System, and all four happen to be students from New Brockton.

Adam Crosby, Tyler Moore, Tori Stone and Bush Deaderick participated, and each received statewide recognition for their achievements.

Some average scores on the ACT test among these seventh graders who participate in the talent identification program include English (17), Math (16), Reading (17), and Science (17).

Ingram announced to board members that she knew her hometown as superintendent is over, and with that, she said she needed to discuss a leaking roof at New Brockton Elementary School.

She said the problem seems to be with the wall built around the air conditioning unit which is located on top of the building. She said the experts are telling her there is no outlet for water when it rains, and that is causing the leaky roof.

Board member Danny Jernigan said he feels the needs to have the architect come up with some ideas for repairing that roof which, he said he feels this should be done before any more money is spent on that roof which has had problems ever since the motion.

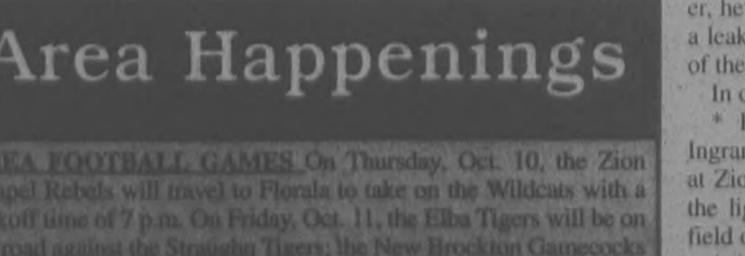
Being an animal lover, Fuller immediately began searching for Zeus' owner. She noticed a tag on the cat's collar which contained a telephone number for his veterinarian. With one phone call, Fuller had set the reunion in motion.

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doing is redesigning the office area of the Zion Chapel Elementary School.

Presently, the office and library areas of the school are all opened with the principals office being at the back of the area. She said the school is experiencing some problems with visitors coming in and going to the classrooms without checking in first.

For an approximate \$45,000, Ingram said the architect tells her that the library walls can be moved to the front and a receptionist's office can be built in the front lobby.

Also, Ingram said told board members that the Zion Chapel Elementary School is in need of a larger parking area. She said the current parking lot was designed for nine cars and the school has 24 being parked there daily. Also, she said a canopy needs to be put up to keep the students from getting wet on rainy days, especially the handicapped students. Ingram told board members that the school has received \$5,000 for the paving project.

Jernigan said he feels the superintendent should develop a priority list for the projects, and this list should be discussed before anything is done; however, he said he feels that fixing a leaky roof should be at the top of the list.

In other business, the board received an update from Ingram concerning the ball field at Zion Chapel, and Ingram said the lights were turned on at the field on Thursday.

Approved out-of-state travel for the FBLA chapters at Zion Chapel and Kinston to attend the Fall Leadership Conference in Jacksonville, Fla., in November. This will include two sponsors and some students.

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
with Ferrin Cox

The political attention of last week was the New Jersey debate over Robert Torricelli dropping out of the U.S. Senate race. The courts quickly upheld the rights of the Democrats to name a replacement. This would still be the main domestic six and ten o'clock news headline except for the ongoing sniper shootings in Maryland. Each time we hear of another not case and think our friends on earth have allowed us to "see it all", something more bizarre is bound to happen, just as it did with this unusual shooting matter. We are anxious, for two reasons, for the guilty person to be caught. First, for the safety and peace of mind for our fellow Americans. Secondly, maybe someone will tell us WHY it is happening and what society could do to prevent others from doing the same thing. Apparently there is no previous connections between any of the shooting victims except they were in the wrong place at the right time . . . just as the rifleman lifted his rifle and sighted down the scope.

It will be next spring before we can actually hold one of the new Alabama quarters in our hand, but the design has been released. The quarter depicts Helen Keller and is appropriately etched in Braille (her name we think). Not only is this a person whose accomplishments we should all admire but putting her likeness on the new money will also be politically correct. If the designers had selected George Wallace, Bear Bryant, one or more civil rights leader, an American Indian, or John Doe plowing a mile, some group would have marched on the state capitol demanding a pound of flesh for the perceived insult. Now, they can all join the majority of us and hold the new coin with pride.

The federal courts have ruled that the Libertarian candidate for governor has no constitutional right to participate in any political debate. We have no problem with John Sopchouski personally but are glad the court ruled against him. If the judge had ruled the other way, it would have ultimately killed debates because ever jacking politician in the country, regardless of abilities or credible message, would have seen this as his or her one chance to have a captive audience. It is easy to envision ten or twelve people bouncing wild, impossible ideas off the walls of the room. That would in turn sour interest from Alabama voters and as we noted earlier, kill political debates.



Coffee County Probate Judge William Gammill recently presented Shelia Walls, an employee in the Elba office, with a plaque recognizing 15 years of service. Gammill said he is proud to have employees like Walls serving the people of Coffee County.

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of September 30, 2002 through October 6, 2002. They were: Marquita Burks, Estelle Smith, Melinda Rodriguez, Winfield Baker, Margaret Smith, Maurina McClain, Carol Jones, Tillie Bane, Debra Ledbetter, Debra Holland, Chimedre Edwards, Kiara White, Pauline Woods, Donnie Golden, Patricia Smith, Charles Cole, Clifford Blue, Sherry Moore, Nettie Hudson and Chris Hudson.

Persons discharged during the same time period were: Marquita Burks, Estelle Smith, Melinda Rodriguez, Winfield Baker, Margaret Smith, Maurina McClain, Carol Jones, Tillie Bane, Debra Ledbetter, Debra Holland, Chimedre Edwards, Kiara White, Pauline Woods, Donnie Golden, Patricia Smith, Charles Cole, Clifford Blue, Sherry Moore, Nettie Hudson and Chris Hudson.

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Views from....

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Both of the girls brought home a kitten a few weeks ago, and while the kittens are strictly outdoor animals, in recent days they have begun to roam around and explore their new surroundings. One morning last week I got a call from my wife at school telling me that the kittens had apparently climbed up in the under-carrying of the van and ridden with her to work. The kittens survived a stop at the grocery store and another stop at the Big Little before arriving at school, but then after the van stopped again jumped out and began exploring some even newer surroundings. I did go and retrieve the kittens, but know that the next time they decide to explore the story might not have a happy ending.

ELBA TIGERS SUFFER SECOND REGION LOSS AT HOME

The Elba Tigers saw an early lead vanish under a rash of mistakes and never recovered last week as they suffered their second region loss at home this season with a 27-9 setback to the T.R. Miller Tigers. The loss dropped Elba's region record to 1-3 with three games remaining, and now the Tigers know that they must win against some very stiff competition just to have a chance at making a return trip to the state playoffs. Elba gave its fans a ray of hope early on as the Tigers received the opening kick off and marched 64 yards to the T.R. Miller three-yardline, and even though the drive stalled at the five, Elba did... salvage a field-goal to grab an early 3-0 lead. That was just about it as far as the Elba highlights for the first half, as T.R. Miller scored its first play from scrimmage to take a 7-3 lead, scooped up a fumble on the ensuing kick off and returned it for a touchdown to extend its lead to 13-3, and then added a score midway through the second quarter to carry a 20-3 lead at intermission. The Elba defense did turn Miller back on a fourth and goal at the two to prevent even more damage, and then in the second half twice turned back Miller scoring threats to keep the Tigers alive. While the Tigers did score late to cut the deficit to 20-9, T.R. Miller regained command and drove down the field for an insurance touchdown in the closing minutes and that was that. Overall, the Tigers may have been fortunate the margin of defeat wasn't greater than three touchdowns. T.R. Miller moved the ball up and down the field, but was flagged for 16 penalties for 122 yards and had two apparent touchdowns called back. It was a long night for the Tigers and the fans in the stands that stayed until well after 10:00 PM, and one that the players and coaches should watch once and then hide away.

KINSTON, BRANTLEY AND BROCKTON ALL GET WINS

The sixth week of the high school football season saw three of the teams in the area hit the road for big region contests, and all three road teams brought home big wins. Here is a quick look back.

***** Kinston Bulldogs (3-2)** - The Bulldogs made the short trip up to Jack to battle the Zion Chapel Rebels and made the most out of their Friday night out as they ripped the Rebels 40-6. The Bulldogs unleashed their powerful running game on their outmanned cross-country rivals, and rolled up almost 500 yards in total offense in the win. So far this season the formula for a Kinston win has been easy to understand - when the 'Dogs can run.

***** New Brockton Gamecocks (4-2)** - The Gamecocks made it look easy and kept trailing their playoff hopes with a lopsided 40-12 win over the winless Bulldogs from Geneva County. The Gamecocks had two backs that combined for 411 yards and five touchdowns in the easy win, and in the past two weeks have turned five

their backs loose. New Brockton has already claimed more wins this season than it did all of last year, and the folks over in Gamecock country have more wins coming.

***** Brantley Bulldogs (4-2)** - The Bulldogs spotted Arinton a 7-0 halftime lead thanks to three big turnovers and then came storming back to run past the Purple Cais 19-7. The Bulldogs were probably lucky to trail by just one touchdown at intermediate week, but took no chances in the second half and ran the ball every single play in the final two quarters to grind out the region win. Unless the Bulldogs lose focus, they should go undefeated in region play and be at home in the opening round of the playoffs.

***** Zion Chapel Rebels (0-6)** - The Rebels remained winless on the season with a 40-6 loss to Kinston, and simply could not stop the Kinston running game as they once again surrendered over forty points in a game. The Rebels did move the football well at times and rolled up almost 250 yards in total offense, but lost four fumbles and three pass interceptions, and also lost the game. Unless Zion Chapel can learn to play defense, the offense may not have enough power to outscore anyone on its schedule.

WEEK SIX OF SEASON HAS A LITTLE OF EVERYTHING

The sixth week of the high school football season has come and gone, and it was another week with a little bit of everything for teams in the area and all across the state. Here are a few games worth noting:

***** Class 6A** - Top-ranked Tuscaloosa County was upset 23-7 by eighth ranked Minor, marking the second straight week that the top team in the state's largest classification had fallen. Closer to home, Enterprise blanked Auburn 28-0 to keep its state playoff hopes alive and well, while Northview fell to Jeff Davis 37-14 and Dothan lost to Central of Phenix City 34-8. The two Dothan teams are now a combined 0-12, and Northview's Coach Mike DuBose has yet to taste the thrill of victory.

***** Class 5A** - The rich just got richer in the 5A ranks as Charles Henderson drilled B.T. Washington 48-0 to move to 6-0 on the season, and nine of the state's top ten teams also posted wins. Closer to home, Carroll, of Ozark, claimed its second straight win with a 37-6 win over Wilcox Central, while Eufaula won its fifth straight twice turned back Miller scoring threats to keep the Tigers alive. While the Tigers did score late to cut the deficit to 20-9, T.R. Miller regained command and drove down the field for an insurance touchdown in the closing minutes and that was that. Overall, the Tigers may have been fortunate the margin of defeat wasn't greater than three touchdowns. T.R. Miller moved the ball up and down the field, but was flagged for 16 penalties for 122 yards and had two apparent touchdowns called back. It was a long night for the Tigers and the fans in the stands that stayed until well after 10:00 PM, and one that the players and coaches should watch once and then hide away.

POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR PICKING THE PREPS

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator stopped by the office early Sunday afternoon and said that he had already begun to fill out his playoff brackets in high school football. The local guespert said that his early-season brackets included both Brantley and Kinston, with New Brockton being one of his bubble teams. The prognosticator hit on 30 of 34 picks last week to move his yearly totals to 155-34, and before leaving said he still thinks his best is yet to come. Could it be this week?

ELBA VS. STRAUGHN

Two sets of Tigers going in opposite directions will tangle this week in the deep woods of Covington County when the Elba Tigers invade Athens to battle the undefeated Straughn Tigers. On paper it looks like a cakewalk for the hometown Tigers. However,

the Tigers from the Pea River have yet to grow their claws, and if they get sharp this week, this one could be a lot closer than many might think. I have a feeling, and I hope it's not just that frozen pizza I cooked for supper the other night.

ELBA 22 STRAUGHN 20

NEW BROCKTON VS. SLOCOMBE

The Gamecocks have turned their running backs loose in recent weeks and this week will look to do the same Friday night when they head over to Slocome to battle the resurgent Red Tops. There is no doubt the Gamecocks will have their hands full on the road against a very tough region opponent, and this one could come down to which team scores last.

SLOCOME 18 NEW BROCKTON 15

KINSTON VS. BRANTLEY

The two "Big Dogs" in Class 1A, Region 2 will get together Friday night down in Kinston and the hometown Bulldogs can get a leg up on a state playoffs berth if they can edge the Bulldogs from up the road in Crenshaw County. Both teams love to run the football and keep the clock running, and both teams enjoy hitting folks on defense. These could be better than you think.

BRANTLEY 27 KINSTON 19

ZION CHAPEL VS. FLORALA

Two teams still looking for their first win of the season will tie up Thursday night on the state line and despite their combined 0-12 record it looks like it should be an entertaining contest. The Rebels last win was last year over the Wildcats, while I doubt if anyone can even remember the last time Florala won. Oh well, it should be a good one and should be one that both teams expect to win.

FLORALA 26 ZION CHAPEL 22

OTHER PICKS:

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Pleasant Home 34 Houston County 12

McKenzie 40 J.F. Shields 8
Excel 29 Bayside 0

Highland Home 29 Calera 6

Leroy 22 Flomaton 6

Red Level 55 Geneva County 0

Washington County 34 Georgia 0

Goshen 48 R.C. Hatch 0

Houston Academy 24 Samson 7

Wicksburg 20 G.W. Long 7

Laurie 34 Marbury 8

Southern Choctaw 41 McIntosh 12

Lafayette 27 Abbeville 13

Alabama Christian 17 Barbour County 12

W.S. Neal 50 Calhoun 6

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CHARLTON HESTON

September 19, 2002

The Honorable Don Siegelman
Office of the Governor
State Capitol
Montgomery, AL 36130

Dear Governor Siegelman:

I am delighted to endorse your candidacy for re-election to the Office of Governor for the 2002 General Election. I know speak for countless firearm owners and sportsmen when I say that your commitment, dedication, and leadership on our issues is greatly appreciated.

During your tenure as Governor, you have repeatedly demonstrated your willingness to defend the great freedoms that serve as the foundation of our great nation. Your record of achievement in protecting shooting ranges, promoting hunting, and signing legislation pivotal to the future of firearm rights stands as an example of what a true leader can do to secure our cherished traditions for future generations.

In recognition of all you have done for firearms owners and sportsmen in Alabama, I will stand with you and fight for freedom in this election. I look forward to continuing our critical work together in the future. Of course, you have my best wishes in this campaign.

Regards,

Charlton Heston

SPORTS

Drop crucial region contest

Tigers tripped up by T.R. Miller 27-9

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Photos by Mike Capps

The Elba Tigers saw their state playoff hopes dealt a serious blow Friday night when the Tigers suffered a 27-9 region defeat to the T.R. Miller Tigers, in Elba.

The loss dropped Elba's record to 3-3, 1-3 in region play, while T.R. Miller improved to 4-2, overall, and 3-1 in region competition with the win.

Elba received the opening kickoff and promptly dashed downfield as the Tigers marched 67 yards in 14 plays and ate up almost seven minutes off the clock to grab the early lead. The second half was highlighted by the running and passing of senior quarterback Brandon Petty, as the crafty signal-caller connected on three passes for 29 yards and ran twice for 29 yards. A 27-yard scamper by Petty moved the Tigers to a first down at the Miller 3-yardline, and although the long drive stalled after getting within the shadows of the Miller goal post, the Tigers did grab a 30-yard lead when Marcus Henderson did a 50-yard field-goal with 5:05 remaining in the opening quarter.

T.R. Miller began its first possession at its own 44-yardline and didn't only one play to take the lead as quarterback Brad Lammon dropped back and dropped off a short pass to Gallaway who turned the corner on the Elba defense and rambled 56 yards into the endzone. Joseph Turner booted the extra-point, and with Marcus Henderson taking the snap, the Tigers had a 20-3 lead at the T.R. Miller 15-yardline.

The Elba offense came back to life on its ensuing possession, and with the aid of a penalty against Miller quickly reached a first down at the Miller 36-yardline. A potential Tiger touchdown went up the board on third and ten when a wide open Elba receiver caught a Miller fumble at the T.R. Miller 20-yardline. The Tigers failed to cash in on the turnover, however, as Petty was picked off two plays later at the T.R. Miller 15-yardline.

The Elba offense managed to move the chains on their first possession of the second half, but T.R. Miller did get its offense rolling again on its second series and behind the running of Antawn Gomez, headed back toward the Miller endzone. An apparent 23-yard touchdown run by Brad Lammon was wiped out by a holding penalty in the Elba 5, and the Miller scoring threat died two plays when Tiger linebacker Jason Curran made a big hit to stop

Miller two yards short of first down marker.

T.R. Miller reached a first down at the Elba 19-yardline on its next possession and again appeared ready to add to its lead, but two penalties backed Miller up, and on fourth down Elba's Todd Horstend tipped a pass to the board and turned it over to the T.R. Miller 15-yardline.

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T.R. Miller needed a long drive to put an end to the Elba rally, and did that more as it marched 55 yards in nine plays to score the final points of the night. An apparent 41-yard scoring dash by Antawn Gomez was nullified by a penalty. However, the flag only delayed the eventual Miller touchdown as Michael Jones later bulldozed over from two yards. Todd Horstend tipped a pass to the board and turned it over to the T.R. Miller 15-yardline.

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Even region record at 2-2

Gamecocks run past 'Dogs 40-12

Story and photos by Robby Kinsaul

The New Brockton Gamecocks stayed on the winning side of the ledger Friday night with an easy 40-12 win over the Geneva County Bulldogs, in Harford.

The win improved New Brockton's record to 4-2 overall, and pulled their region record even at 2-2.

The New Brockton defense was outstanding as it held the Bulldogs to only 79 yards in total offense and 5 first downs on the night. Tanner Morris and Tyler Simmons recorded 10 tackles, apiece, to lead the Gamecock defense, with Simmons also recording a quarterback sack. LaNorris Smith and Randy Danford chipped in with 6 tackles, each.

Although New Brockton did suffer three fumbles in the game, the running attack was also very impressive as they gained 245 yards on 47 carries. Pauyac pushed for 47 yards on 49 carries. Tyler Simmons rushed the ball 18 times for 245 yards and one touchdown, while Ray Magwood carried the ball 24 times and gained 166 yards, and scored four touchdowns. Randy Danford added 67 yards and one touchdown on only six carries.

The next Gamecock possession was eliminated with a 4-yard scoring run by Magwood, and Pauyac added 10 more yards on a 12-yard run and Pauyac again added the extra-point as the Gamecocks' lead went to 20-0 with 9:45 remaining in the third quarter.

Geneva County got a break late in the quarter when the Bulldogs recovered a Gamecock fumble at the New Brockton 40-yardline, and the Bulldogs quickly turned the turnover into a touchdown when Brian Murkerson connected with Larry Sullen on a 12-yard scoring strike. A two-point conversion failed, but with 1:01 remaining in the third quarter the Gamecocks' lead had been cut to 26-6.

The Gamecocks answered the Bulldogs' score by putting together another quick scoring drive of their own. The drive was capped off by a 9-yard touchdown run by Randy Danford, and Pauyac's extra-point was again successful. New Brockton regained command 34-6 with 10:34 remaining in the game. Ray Magwood clinched the long scoring drive with a 22-yard touchdown run, and although the extra-point try failed, the Gamecocks had the big region win 40-12 over the winless Bulldogs.

The Gamecocks scored their final touchdown of the night with an 87-yard drive that ate up almost the entire fourth quarter.

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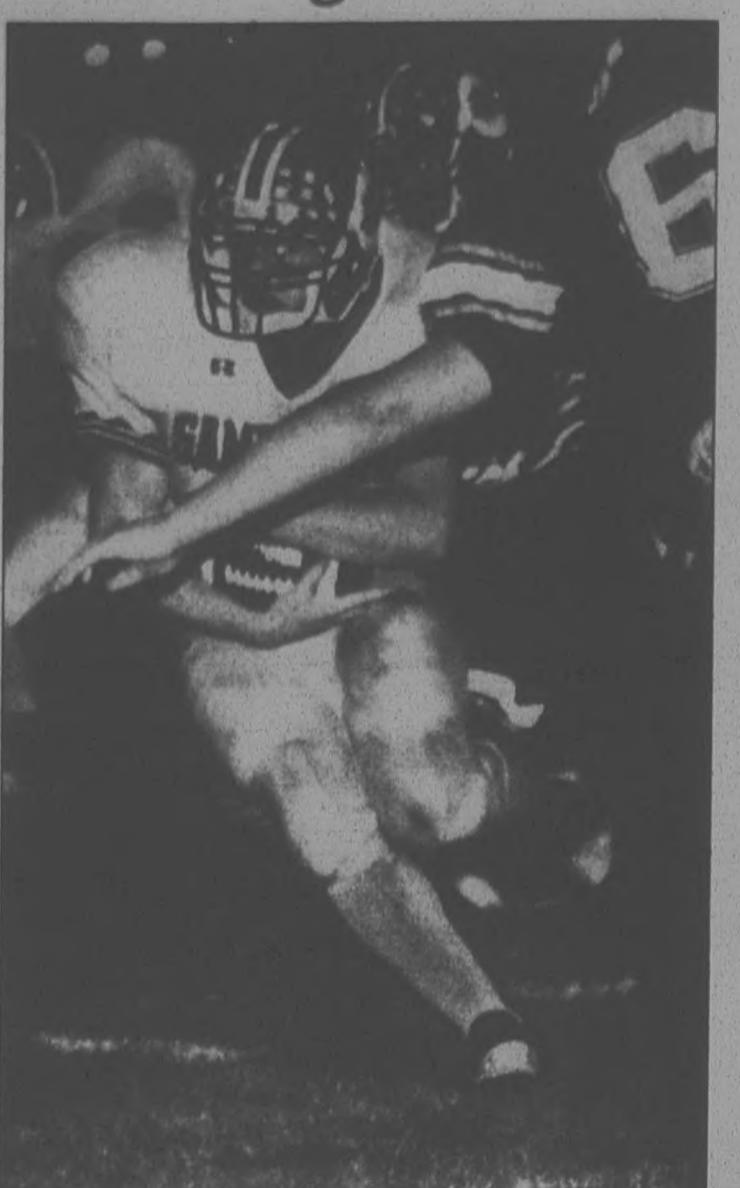
Rushing Yds. 18

Passing Yds. 61

Total Offense 79

Fumbles/Lost 1/1

Penalty Yds. 10



New Brockton's Tyler Simmons (31) looks upfield for running room in the Gamecocks' 40-12 win over Geneva County. Simmons gained 245 yards and scored one touchdown to lead the Gamecocks to the win.

GAMECOCK TOUCHDOWN! A New Brockton runner drags a would-be Geneva County tackler over the goalline for a touchdown in last week's 40-12 region win over the Bulldogs, in Harford.

Rebels face Wildcats
Thursday night battle highlights week's slate for area prep teams

The high school football season will swing into its seventh week of action this week across the state, and for the teams in the area the week #7 action will also mark a return to the region wars. Following is a preview of this week's area schedule:

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

Zion Chapel Rebels at Florala Wildcats

Two teams hungry for a win will meet Thursday night in Florala when the (0-6) Zion Chapel Rebels tangle with the (0-6) Florala Wildcats. The Rebels have dropped 10 straight games since a 20-12 win over Florala a year ago, and are looking to give first year head coach John Donaldson his first win at the Rebel helm. Zion Chapel has been outscored 249-52 in its six losses, and must improve or defend if it is to have a chance. Florala is mired in a 28-game losing streak that dates back three years and there can be no doubt the Wildcats are looking forward to this week's visitors from Coffee County. The Wildcats have lost this season to Red Level 28-0, Arion 42-8, Cottonwood 40-0, Kinston 42-13, New Brockton 41-14 and Pleasant Home 35-6. When two winless teams meet in any sport it is big news, and Thursday night in Florala one streak will certainly come to an end.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

New Brockton Gamecocks at Slocomb Red Tops

The (4-2) New Brockton Gamecocks will be looking to continue their recent winning ways Friday night when they travel to Slocomb to battle the (5-1) Slocomb Red Tops, in a key region match-up for both teams. The Gamecocks have caught fire in the past two weeks and have piled up 81 points in wins over Florala and Geneva County to get the Brockton faithful excited. The Red Tops have been one of the top 2A teams in the area throughout the season and will be hoping to wrap up a playoff berth with a win this week over the Gamecocks. Slocomb has claimed wins over Gravette 28-8, Geneva County 56-0, Wicksburg 26-12, Headland 34-0 and G.W. Long 34-8, while losing to Houston Academy 24-12. This should be one of the most competitive games of the week.

Brantley Bulldogs at Kinston Bulldogs

The (3-2) Kinston Bulldogs will be looking to claim a huge region win and wrap up a berth in the state playoffs Friday night when they host the (4-2) Brantley Bulldogs, in an important region contest. Kinston improved to 3-1 in region play last week with an easy 40-6 win over Zion Chapel, and will be will be hoping to put an end to their win one, lose one habit this season. Brantley moved its region slate to 4-0 last week with a 19-7 win over Arion and can all but wrap up the region title with a win this week. The key in this one will be whether or not Kinston will be able to run the football against the rugged Brantley defense.



I would like to Thank You for your many years of kind support. Again, I need your help and support in the General Election on Tuesday, Nov. 5th.

Ronnie Burns
P.O. Box 100, Hartwell, GA 30643-0100
Phone: (404) 287-1000

Remains undefeated in region play

Brantley Bulldog rally sinks Arion 19-7

By Greg Brunson
Photos by Janet Simmons

The Brantley Bulldogs traveled to Arion Friday night to battle the Purple Cats in a game that would determine the outright lead in the Class 1A, Region 2 standings, and while both teams came into the game with perfect region records, the Bulldogs were the only team left without a loss in the region when the final horn sounded as Brantley claimed a hard fought 19-7 victory.

The Bulldogs lost the ball on fumbles on each of their first two possessions, with Marquis Ward and Rocky Flowers making the recoveries deep in Brantley territory. The Brantley defense was up to the test early on as the Bulldogs regained possession on a fourth down stop after the first turnover, and then got a turnover of their own after the second Bulldog fumble when Cedric Brundridge picked off a Purple Cat pass.

Jimmy Mitchell broke loose for a 20-yard gain up the middle after the interception to give the Bulldogs a breathing room. However, the Bulldogs failed to cross midfield, and gave the ball back to Arion after a boomer 50-yard punt by Cedric Jones.

The Purple Cats' offense came to life on its ensuing possession, and sparked by a 48-yard dash by T.R. Oliver, headed toward the Brantley endzone. The score came on fourth down and two, when Joseph Vanzanti dropped back to pass and hit T.R. Oliver deep in the endzone for the game's first points. Marquis Ward kicked the extra-point, and with 11:00 left in the second quarter Arion was on top 7-0.

Brantley lost its third fumble of the half on its next possession when the 'Cat Carlos Barnes pounced on a bulldog bubble at the Brantley 48-yardline. The Brantley defense refused to let Arion get back into the end-

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Brantley's Devaris Skanes (5) crosses the goalline after returning a punt 48 yards to give the Bulldogs a third quarter lead in last week's region battle against Arion. Skanes' punt return gave the Bulldogs their first lead of the night in the 19-7 win.

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Zion Chapel Rebel cheerleaders were all smiles prior to Friday night's homecoming clash against the Kinston Bulldogs. This week the Rebels will travel to Flora on Thursday night to battle the Flora Wildcats looking for their first win of the season under Coach John Donaldson.

QUEEN ASHLEY WAMBLES AND HER COURT... were introduced during ceremonies Friday night at Zion Chapel High School. Members of the 2002 Zion Chapel Homecoming Court included Alternate Amanda Perry, Alternate Wallace, Junior Keri Senn, Junior Kim Rayborn, Sophomore Anessa Wambles and Freshman Christina McWaters.



Spoils Rebel homecoming party

Kinston crushes Zion Chapel 40-6

From combined reports and photos by Tony Kelley, Chris Winters and Justin Winters

The Kinston Bulldogs kept their state playoff hopes alive and kept the Zion Chapel Rebels winless at the same time Friday night as they blasted their cross county rivals 40-6 in Zion Chapel.

The win wiped Kinston's record to 3-2, 3-1 in region play while Zion Chapel slipped to 0-6, 0-4 in region competition with the loss.

Kinston kicked off to open the game, but got the ball right back at the Zion Chapel 43-yardline after a 13-yard punt return by Jim Bedsole who later scored the touchdown on a 8-yard run by Matthew Wilkerson. The extra-point try failed, but with 10:52 left in the second quarter Kinston was back in command with a 21-6 advantage.

Kinston began its next possession at its own 38-yardline following a pass interception by Shawn Brantley, and the Bulldogs once again headed goalward. A 47-yard run by Jim Bedsole on third down and 13 kept the drive alive early, and it was Bedsole that later scored the 13-yard touchdown. Jim Bedsole had 100 yards on 13 carries.

Jim Bedsole's 13-yard run put the Bulldogs in the red zone. A 12-yard gain by Cole Meeks put the Bulldogs in the end zone on first down, and a 29-yard dash by Cole Meeks got the Bulldogs off to a fast start, while the touchdown came on a 2-yard blast by Matthew Wilkerson. T.J. Wiggins trotted into the endzone untouched for the two-point conversion, and with 9:23 left in the first quarter the Bulldogs were off and running with an early 8-0 lead.

Kinston's Chase Williams recovered a Rebel fumble on Zion Chapel's next play from scrimmage to set the Bulldogs up at the Zion Chapel 24-yardline. However, a penalty and a fumbled handoff backed the Bulldogs up to the 33, and one play later the Kinston scoring threat ended when Zion Chapel's Josh Smith picked off a Bulldog pass and returned the interception 41 yards to the Kinston 44-yardline.

Kinston's offense put the ball in play at its own 32-yardline following a pass interception by Shawn Brantley, and the Bulldogs once again headed goalward. A 47-yard run by Jim Bedsole on third down and 13 kept the drive alive, and it was Bedsole that later scored the 68 yards to the endzone in only three plays. An apparent 65-yard touchdown run by Jim Bedsole was nullified by a penalty. However, Bedsole came back on the very next play with a 61-yard run, and on the next play Shawn Brantley scored from 4 yards out on a five yard scamper. A 2-point try failed, but with 6:54 remaining in the half the Bulldogs had opened up a big 28-6 lead.

Kinston's offense put the ball in play at its own 32-yardline following a pass interception by Jim Bedsole and this time covered the 68 yards to the endzone in only three plays. An apparent 65-yard touchdown run by Jim Bedsole was nullified by a penalty.

Jim Bedsole gained 259 yards on 13 carries to lead the Kinston offense, while Cole Meeks added 68 yards on 13 carries and Matthew Wilkerson gained 57 yards on 9 carries. Hayden Odom led the Zion Chapel running game with 81 yards on 7 carries, while the Rebels connected on 8 of 18 passes for 130 yards.

Zion Chapel did manage two first downs late in the half behind the hard running of Hayden Odom and Josh Smith, but the drive stalled and at intermission the Rebels walked into the dressing room on the short end of a 34-6 score.

Kinston failed to add to its lead in the third quarter as the Bulldogs twice failed to take advantage of Zion Chapel turnovers. The first turnover came on a Rebel fumble at the Zion Chapel 37-yardline, while Cole Meeks completed a 12-yard pass to Hayden Odom on the short end of a 34-6 score.

Kinston's Jim Bedsole returned the ensuing kickoff 34 yards to set the Bulldog offense up at the Zion Chapel 43-yardline, and this time it took the Bulldogs five plays to cover the 43 yards to the endzone. Jim Bedsole gained 23 yards on two carries to spark the short scoring drive, while Cole Meeks added 20 yards on two carries and scored the touchdown on a 1-yard plunge. Matthew Wilkerson kicked the extra-point, and with 5:11 still left in the third quarter the Bulldogs had stretched their lead to 15-6.

Zion Chapel received the ensuing kick and promptly began a drive toward the Bulldog 18-yardline on a pass completion by Cole Meeks, and Kinston's offense responded by marching 82 yards in seven plays to get into the endzone for the final time of the night. Matthew Wilkerson gained 28 yards on three carries to aid the Bulldog march, while Jim Bedsole gained 40 yards on

three carries and scored the well-coached. However, we touchdown on a 25-yard sprint. need this test to find out how we can play in big games against strong teams?"

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8	Rushes-Yds.	470
11	Passing Yds.	18
194	Total Offense	488
1-5	Passes	1-7-1
105	Return Yds.	35
3-22	Fumbles/Lost	1/0
2-54	Penalty Yds.	91

COMMUNITY

Elba Chamber of Commerce invites everyone to Tiger Tailgate Party October 17

Members of the Elba Chamber of Commerce invite everyone to join them for the 3rd annual "tiger" tailgate party. The event begins at 5:30 p.m., October 17, and will take place in the lot next door to Peoples Bank.

The event, kicking off the 2002 homecoming festivities, is sponsored in part by the

Any registered voter may vote an absentee ballot in November election if necessary

Any qualified voter may vote an absentee ballot at the absentee election manager's office in New Brockton if he or she meets one of the following conditions:

*The voter will be out of the county or state on election day.

*The voter has any physical illness or infirmity which prevents his or her attendance at the polls on election day.

*The voter works a shift which has at least ten hours which coincide with the hours the polls are open at his or her regular polling place.

*The voter is enrolled as a student in an educational institution located outside the county of his or her permanent residence.

*The voter is a member of or spouse or dependent of a member of the armed forces of the United States or is similarly qualified to vote absentee pursuant to the Federal Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 42 U.S.C. 1973ff.

*The voter has been appointed as an election officer or named as a poll watcher at a polling place other than his or her regular polling place.

The deadline to apply for an absentee ballot is 4:30 P.M., October 31, 2002. Applications for absentee voting are available at the election manager's office in New Brockton and at the Probate Judge's offices at

People's Bank, SouthTrust Bank, Kleintert's, National Security and Dorse's Chamber members should attend and bring along prospects to experience the "tiger" spirit in full effect.

Children and students can enjoy a hamburger, chips and a drink for \$1.00. Adults, \$3.00 DJ Dolla Bill will be there to get

everyone rockin' and rollin' into Elba's biggest homecoming yet. Everyone is encouraged to decorate their car, truck or campsite in their favorite team colors.

Following the tailgate party, the Elba High School cheerleaders will begin the festivities with a bonfire at Miller Memorial Stadium.



Officers of the Coffee County Association of Retired Teachers and Support Personnel for 2002-2003 are L-R: Joan Lewis - president; Judy Killingsworth, vice president/president-elect; Sylvia Padgett, treasurer, and Dorothy Richardson, secretary.

NEWS AMONG OUR SERVICE FOLKS

BRITTANY D. DANIELS

Brittany D. Daniels has graduated from the Army ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps), Leader's Training Course at Fort Knox, Ky.

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Advanced Cadets at their host college campuses. The course is designed to improve leadership potential, build self-confidence and develop initiative through hands-on learning, allowing the Army to observe and evaluate the cadets' officer potential and leadership attributes.

Any registered voter required by his or her employer, under unforeseen circumstances, to be out of the country on an emergency business trip on election day may vote an emergency absentee ballot. Under such circumstances the voter can apply and vote at the absentee election manager's office no later than 4:30 P.M., November 4, 2002. The voter must acknowledge that he or she was not aware of the business emergency prior to five days before the election.

For information about absentee voting, call Linda Mills, ABSENTEE ELECTION MANAGER, at 894-5556, 894-3557 or 894-5558, located in the Coffee County #2 Complex, New Brockton, AL.

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Retired Teachers and Support Personnel hear Dr. Reese

Dr. Reese

Members of the Coffee County Association of Retired Teachers and Support Personnel kicked off the 2002-03 organizational year with a "Fall Fellowship" honoring 2002 retirees.

The afternoon event was held Tuesday, Sept. 17, at Alabama Power Company, with 75 members and guests in attendance.

Host and Hostesses were Dorothy Richardson, Joan Lewis, Nina Carpenter, Sherry Eddins, Larry Eddins and Judy Killingsworth.

The cadre is a 2002 graduate of Elba High School. Daniels is attending the Marion Military Institute, Ala.

The guest speaker was Dr. Jim Reese, Superintendent of Enterprise City Schools.

Special guests included Janice Charlesworth, executive secretary of the Alabama Retired Teachers Association; Kerri Fore, assistant to the ARTA executive secretary and editor of the ARTA newspaper, Rep. Terry Spicer, and Sen. Jimmy Hickey.

Members and guests enjoyed a fellowship and refreshments, as well as new members and new retirees.

During the business session presided over by Joan Lewis, president, Sylvia Pidgeon, treasurer, reported that as of Sept. 17 the organization had 148 paid members.

Nina Carpenter, legislative chair, introduced Speaker will be Janice Charlesworth, ARTA Executive Secretary.

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Character Trait

by Kael Grantham

This week's character trait is self-control.

Self-control is restraint exercised over one's own impulses, emotions or desires. Some students at Elba High practice self-control everyday. For example: making right decisions and working hard to achieve a set goal are prime examples of self-control.

Practicing self-control is an important task in everyday life. Self-control can play a huge role in your future. For example: not studying for a big test can bring your grade down, allowing you to be behind. When you get behind you could possibly decrease your GPA, causing you to mess up future plans. In other words, one mistake may lead to another due to lack of self-control.

News Brief

by Blake Brunson

Homecoming is approaching and so is the parade! The deadline for submitting parade entries is 12:00 on Thursday, Oct. 17, and anyone interested may call the school office at 897-2266. The categories in which the floats are judged are Elba High School, Elba Elementary School and all other organizations not sponsored by the school. Category winners will be announced at the Homecoming game on Friday, Oct. 18.

Students learn about Farley Nuclear Plant

by Alex Benbow

On Friday, Sept. 20, a representative of Farley Nuclear Plant came and spoke to all of Mrs. Nelda Bailey's classes to inform the students about the good and bad side of nuclear power.

He said nuclear power is cleaner than coal burning plants. Coal burning plants also put off more radiation than a nuclear power plant does. In fact, one tiny pellet of uranium is about the size of a pencil eraser will produce as much power as 1,780 pounds of coal.

He showed a variety of clips taken of Farley Nuclear Power Plant that showed detailed pictures of the uranium holding tank, all the buildings on the premises and the greeting center that has been closed since Sept. 11. The buildings where the uranium is located could withstand an F5 tornado, or even if a jet crashed into it, the building could withstand it.

The presentation was not only educational but it was also comforting to know that we will never have to worry about a meltdown because of any reason.

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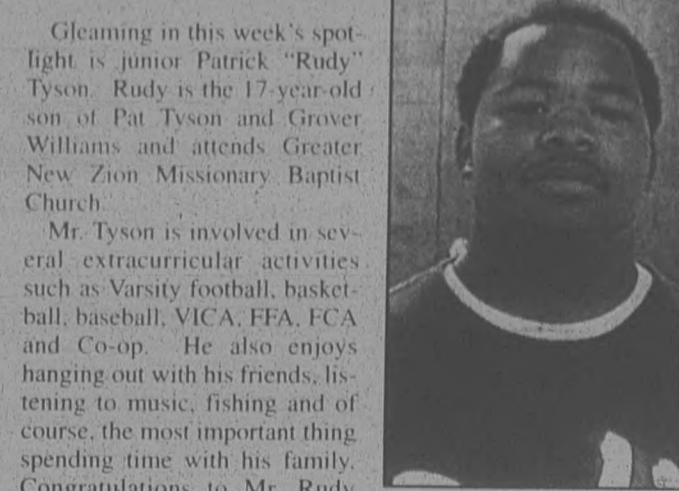


Tiger Tales

Editor:
Sheena Flowers

Co-Op Spotlight

by Shawna Hill



Patrick Tyson

FCCLA, (formally FHA), has started the annual Ham & Turkey sale. New items this year include: Peppered Bacon, Pecan Pies & Sausage. Please support FCCLA by buying any of these items.

Elba FFA fruit sale currently underway

The FFA members from the Elba FFA Chapter will be taking orders during October for delicious, nutritious holiday fruit.

Fresh fruit is a natural agricultural product in which FFA members can promote and support agriculture. During this time they sell a carton of oranges, grapefruit or apples. Almost every family is a potential customer because almost everyone buys fruit during the holiday season.

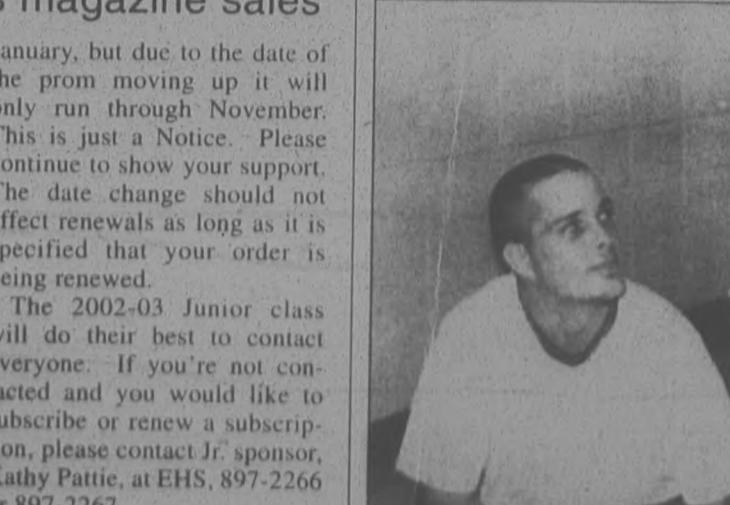
There are other reasons why fruit is sold in almost every high school in Alabama. As various sources of money for education have disappeared or been reduced, local teachers have been required to raise money to supplement their vocational (career/technical) programs.

Proceeds from past fruit sales have bought many books, hand tools, equipment or other items for use by agriscience students. An agriscience program is expensive to operate and difficult to maintain. Each fruit customer is helping provide a better education for these students of Elba High School. The fruit helps instill

EHS Jr. Class plans magazine sales

by Ayonna Proctor

Hello Elba! The Junior class will be selling magazines and also offering the renewal of magazine subscriptions again this year. The plan for this year is a little different though. The magazine sales will start on Oct. 28, and run through Nov. 19. It usually ran through



PICTURE OF THE WEEK (by Katie Driggers) "Gabby, will you be my girlfriend?" "No, I don't think so Kyle. You are too immature!"

Elba FFA to attend Sunbelt Agricultural Exposition

The Elba FFA members in grades 9-12 who qualify will be attending the Sunbelt Agricultural Exposition in Moultrie, Ga. The 25th Anniversary Expo

will be held Oct. 15-17. Known as North America's Premier Farm Show, the Sunbelt Expo has something for everyone: over 1,100 exhibitors, field demonstrations on 600 acres, livestock, antique tractors and much more.

The Sunbelt Expo is held at Spence Field in Moultrie. Gates are open from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday and 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Thursday. Admission is five dollars per person, per day. Children six and under are admitted free with an adult.

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FROM THE COCKPIT

New Brockton School News
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Homecoming 2002 activities planned

by Sonya Hornsby

by Emily Hardiman

The Gamecocks will be playing the Kinston Bulldogs for their Homecoming, which is November 1. The theme for Homecoming week will be "Retro the Bulldogs". We will be taking you back to the 60's, 70's, 80's, and 90's. Monday - Friday (October 28 - November 1) we will have traditional dress-up days and on-campus activities. Thursday night there will be a bonfire at the Coffee County Farm Center at 8:00 PM. Friday morning at 9:00 AM we will hold the Coronation of the Homecoming Queen and her court, and then we will have a pep rally and student/faculty entertainment. There will also be a parade in downtown New Brockton at 2:15.

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Elba Council approves street paving project

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

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60 YEARS AND GETTING STRONGER... The Elba Marching Tiger Band traveled to Brewton last Saturday, Oct. 12, to compete in the annual band competition held at the home of the T.R. Miller Tigers. This event was scheduled as a two-part competition; however, the band members and fans found the weather to be the biggest opponent as the second part of the competition was canceled due to heavy rainfall. Nevertheless, the band did manage to receive a ratings from the first part of the competition and proved that the Marching Tiger Band continues to hold strong with its tradition of pride and excellence. Above, the band begins its superior rated performance in the afternoon session as the members make their move from the opening set. This year's marching band show will be one of many highlights Friday night, Oct. 18, during Elba High School's Homecoming 2002 as the Marching Tiger Band celebrates its 60th marching season.

Assault leads Elba Police officers to methamphetamine lab

The investigation led Elba Police officers

Friday, Oct. 11, to the discovery of

methamphetamine.

Elba Police Chief R.W.

Whitworth said officers with the

Elba Police Department

responded to an accident on

Alabama Hwy. 87 South

in the early hours of Oct. 11 and

soon discovered the driver with

injuries not usually associated

with a vehicle accident.

Whitworth said the driver of the

vehicle told police officers that

he had been beaten by two sub-

jects while at their residence

on Hwy. 87 South.

The driver, who was not identified, was transported to Elba General Hospital.

As the investigation pro-

gressed, Whitworth said

Investigator Andy Gunter

obtained search warrants for

the arrest of two men in conjunction

with complications from influenza.

Among those targeted to

receive the vaccine during

October include:

"Persons 65 years of age and

older, regardless of health status."

Residents of nursing homes

and other chronic-care facilities

that house persons of any age

with chronic medical conditions.

"Adults and children 6

months of age and older with

chronic disorders of the pul-

monary or cardiovascular sys-

tems (including children with

asthma).

"Adults and children 6

months of age and older who

have required regular medical

care for a long time.

"Persons who will be in the

second or third trimester of

pregnancy during the influenza

season."

"Persons who can transmit

influenza to those at risk includ-

ing physicians, nurses, employ-

ees of hospitals, outpatient care

centers, nursing homes and

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